



UB Highlights

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News & Events for April 15-30, 2017

Information Sessions

Register online and find more information about the following sessions in the Events section at www.bridgeport.edu:

Accelerated Degree Completion Program

Waterbury Center, 84 Progress Lane: **Tuesday, April 18, 6-7 p.m.**

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5: **Wednesday, April 26, 6-7 p.m.**

Education

Stamford Center, 5 Riverbend Drive, Building 5: **Wednesday, April 26, 6-7 p.m.**

Graduate Programs

Bridgeport, 6th Floor, Wahlstrom Library: **Wednesday, April 19, 6-7 p.m.** Business, Counseling, Design Management, Education, Engineering, Public and International Affairs

Music/Performing Arts Events

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.

A Broadway Celebration: UB Chamber Singers, UB Percussion Group, and the University Singers present an evening of Broadway melodies, in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Free and open to all.

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Concert: The UB Fusion Ensemble and Knights Ensemble present the sounds of spring in their annual concert in the Mertens Theater of the Bernhard Center. Free. Everyone is invited.



Executive Speaker Series

Tuesday, April 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Ernest C. Trefz School of Business presents **Oni Chukwu**, president and CEO of etouches (<https://www.etches.com>), speaking on “Building Successful, World-Class Technology Companies in Connecticut: A Triple Play at Triple Point.” Refreshments will be offered from 5:30 in the Mandeville lobby, followed by the presentation in the Jacobson Lecture Hall (Mandeville 104) at 6, with Q&A and networking to follow. Free and open to everyone, but RSVP to ezoppi@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4384.



Purple Knights

Home Athletic Events

April 15-30, 2017

Baseball

Apr. 15 (Sat.), 3 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 17 (Mon.), 2 & 5 p.m., Franklin Pierce @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 22 (Sat.), 12 & 3 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Harbor Yard

Apr. 26 (Weds.), 4 p.m., Wilmington @ Harbor Yard

Lacrosse (Women's)

Apr. 20 (Thurs.), 12 p.m., Dist. Columbia @ Knights Field

Apr. 25 (Tues.), 7 p.m., Mercy @ Knights Field

Softball

Apr. 17 (Mon.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Holy Family @ Seaside Park

Apr. 19 (Weds.) 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Nyack @ Seaside Park

Apr. 20 (Thurs.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., Molloy @ Seaside Park

Apr. 23 (Sun.), 1 & 3 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas @ Seaside Park (Senior Day)

Apr. 25 (Tues.), 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., East Stroudsburg @ Seaside Park

Innovators Series

Thursday, April 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Innovators Series presents “Changing Paradigms in the U.S. Healthcare System: Opportunities and Landmines –Emerging Business Opportunities and Treatment Models in Healthcare Based on a New Landscape.” In the Schelfhaudt Gallery of the Bernhard Center, wine and cheese at 5:30, program 6-7, followed by networking. Free to attend, but RSVP to lchristi@bridgeport.edu, 203-576-4151. Moderator is **David M. Brady**, UB’s vice-president for Health Sciences and director of the Human Nutrition Institute.



Undergrad Open House

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Those interested in attending the University of Bridgeport may get acquainted with UB's campus, students, faculty and staff at an open house beginning in the Bernhard Center. Events include a continental breakfast reception, an admissions presentation, a campus tour, a faculty "meet and greet," a chat with current UB students, a residence hall tour, and a financial aid presentation. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, jessiccr@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4812.



End-of-Semester Carnival

Sunday, April 23, 3-7 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff, and their families are invited to join with old friends and new in celebrating the successful conclusion of the 2016-17 academic year. Come to the annual carnival held on the Pedestrian Mall! Rain location is Wheeler Recreation Center. Free and fun for all.



Multimedia Campaign

Tuesday, April 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join the Bridgeport Regional Business Council and UB's Mass Communication and Graphic Design students as they launch the student-produced multimedia marketing campaign, "The Power of the BRBC." In the duPont Tower Room of the Bernhard Center. Free and open to all, but RSVP to Prof. **Susan Katz**, sk@bridgeport.edu, or 203-583-0509. Refreshments will be served.



SASD Alumni Event

Saturday, April 29, 4-6 p.m.

Design alumni, students, faculty, and friends are invited to an afternoon celebrating the accomplishments of **Gary van Deursen '69**, owner of Van Deursen LLC. Complimentary beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres will be offered, along with tours of the SASD studios, shops, and computer labs. The reception will showcase the 2017 Senior Design Exhibition, new design work from graduating SASD students. Hosted by **Art Landi, ID '74**, UB Trustee. Free admission for alumni and their guest over the age of 21. RSVP to **Martine Sixto**, msixto@bridgeport.edu, or 203-576-4034.



Awards & Honors Events

Please consult the respective schools, colleges, and departments for the most up-to-date information on the following events

Student Leadership Recognition Banquet,

Thursday, April 20, 4:30-7 p.m., Student Center Social Room

School of Engineering Honors Convocation

Friday, April 28, 6-7 p.m., Mertens Theater, Bernhard Center

UPE Induction Ceremony

Friday, April 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Bernhard Center, Room 113

By invitation:

Athletics Award Banquet, Monday, April 24

IDEAL Awards Ceremony, Friday, April 28

Master of Professional Studies Presentations,

Saturday, April 29

SASD Design Honors Ceremony, Saturday, April 29

Leo and Joyce Uzcategui

The University has announced the death on April 1 of **Leo Uzcategui**, former head women's volleyball coach (2009-2013), and his wife, **Joyce**. They had relocated to South America several years ago and had recently moved to a home at Crucita de Portoviejo, Ecuador. On Saturday they were drowned when a heavy wave struck them on a beach near their home and swept them into the sea.

Coach Leo led the UB Women's Volleyball team to an NCAA regional championship and back-to-back conference championships. He is fondly remembered for his passion for volleyball and for his commitment to the student-athletes he coached. For more about Coach Leo, please visit <http://www.ubknights.com/sports/wvball/2016-17/releases/20170403hqpj6w>.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ARTS & SCIENCES

Rachel Vatman '17, biology, and Jane Chen Filus '17, biology, have been accepted at several schools of pharmacy for graduate study. Rachel has chosen to attend Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Pharmacy.

ENGINEERING

Arafat Abu Mallouh and Zakariya Qawaqneh, Ph.D. candidates, have published with *Buket D. Barkana*, associate professor of electrical engineering, two conference papers presented at Biosignals 2017, the 10th International Conference on Bio-Inspired Systems and Signal Processing. The papers are "Combining Two Different DNN Architectures for Classifying Speaker's Age and Gender" and "DNN-Based Models for Speaker Age and Gender Classification."

UB's Promise

In the fall 2016 semester, the University of Bridgeport initiated its Connecticut Promise, which allows incoming in-state freshmen to attend the University for the same cost as at a state public institution. In the past year over 200 Connecticut students have been helped in this way to pay for their private-university education at UB.

To fulfill its promise, UB pledged that any in-state freshman would pay no more than \$18,500 for tuition, fees, and room and board. Once all scholarships and grants have been applied, UB makes up the difference to ensure that no qualifying student owes more than \$18,500. In-state commuting freshmen pay no more than \$12,000. In November 2016, *Student Loan Report* ranked UB's student loan debt the fourth lowest in Connecticut, and the University stood among the 150 schools nationwide whose students had the least debt.

Connecticut Promise makes the University of Bridgeport the only private institution in the state to provide this kind of cost cap. In addition, UB currently provides financial aid to 96 percent of its first-time students, with \$20 million in assistance given to UB students in 2016.

FACULTY & STAFF

ENGINEERING

Irv Ojalvo, former chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and *Lawrence Hmurcik*, professor of electrical engineering, investigated the local power company's plans to add a high voltage line to the railroad's existing electrical wiring. What harm might this do to a nearby factory? The possibilities of high winds breaking the power lines and electrical arcing problems were considered. The issue will now go to New York and Connecticut state zoning boards.

Ioana A. Badara, assistant professor of education; *Allen Cook*, dean of the School of Education; *Joyce Cook*, professor of education; *Buket D. Barkana*, associate professor of electrical engineering; and electrical engineering graduate students *Shobhitha Sarab* and *Abhilash Medisetty* presented their joint work, "The Influence of Emotional States on Memory Retention by Using Electroencephalography (EEG) Measurements: A Case Study," at the 10th International Conference on Bio-Inspired Systems and Signal Processing, Biosignals 2017, in Portugal in February. Prof. Badara delivered the presentation.

GLOBAL LEARNING INITIATIVES

Tara Maroney and *Lauren Humphrey* served on the planning committee for the Global Community of Academic Advising's regional conference, Advising Values, held March 8-10, in Verona, NY. The two also co-presented a session about developing a resource center to empower online students and increase support.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE

Registration for Fall 2017 Semester Begins

Tuesday, April 4

Last Day of Classes, **Friday, April 28**

HEALTH SCIENCES

Registration for Fall 2017 Semester

Monday-Friday, April 24-29

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.